



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carol Miller )  
Serial No.: 10/780,019 )  
Filed: February 17, 2004 ) Group Art Unit 3673  
For: A Case For Enclosing A Pillow ) Examiner Fredrick C. Conley

**AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 131**

County of Cook )  
State of Illinois ) ss

I, Carol J. Miller, a United States Citizen, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and if sworn as a witness I can testify competently thereto.
2. I am the inventor of the invention described in the above referenced application.
3. On or before June 15, 2002, I devised the original concept of a case for enclosing a pillow and I made a prototype thereof.
4. On or before August, 2002 I had a patentability search confidentially performed for the subject invention.
5. On September 26, 2002, I confidentially disclosed to attorney Michael R. McKenna, both orally and by showing my prototype, the case for enclosing a pillow which is the subject of the above referenced application so that a more competent pre-examination patentability search could be performed. Thereafter, I authorized Mr. McKenna to prepare the above referenced patent application on my behalf.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Carol Miller  
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Subscribed and sworn to me this

14th day of January, 2005.

R. Barajas  
Notary Public

